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Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady, but barely steady to weak in the Northeast. Retail demand was mostly light to fair with hopes for improvements later in the week. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were generally sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate with increased interest, breast items were in good balance with good movement, and the balance was at least sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/30-09/04/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	54.50-55.00	54.61	18	57.44	28
Chicago	51.00-55.00	54.91	54	56.88	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	62.92	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.95	19
Denver	65.50	65.43	17	63.57	44
Detroit	52.00-56.00	55.80	16	58.13	43
Los Angeles	66.00	65.45	70	64.98	136
New York	53.00-55.00	53.21	44	55.27	74
Philadelphia	51.00-52.00	52.71	7	53.73	20
Pittsburgh	52.00-53.50	53.20	10	59.09	64
St. Louis	54.50-55.00	54.57	19	56.70	45
San Francisco	66.50	66.05	31	67.36	68

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/30/99	Change/Last Wk	08/23/99	08/31/98
654	59.84	-0.06	59.90	70.70

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-61.00	57.09	37
Central	57.00-62.00	60.83	58
West	59.00-68.50	65.08	59
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	60.50-62.00	60.74	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,205	51.00-69.00	60.15

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	198.50	4,276
BREASTS - WHOLE	96.00	2,303
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50	582
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,202
WINGS	53.00	3,352

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient for present needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with breast items in the closest position. Movement was fair to good, best for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was generally steady with the final majority prices unchanged from last week. Offerings readily available. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was generally steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 7.70 at 60.03 with the volume reported at 27 loads up 13 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally 1 cent higher in St. Louis, unchanged in Chicago and Detroit, and TFEWR in Ohio from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was fair at best, with good fast food movement reported in Chicago. Supplies were adequate to instances tight, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading in Chicago was good on breasts and dark meat items, light trading noted elsewhere. Supplies of all items adequate with breast items tight. Parts trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate. Offerings fully sufficient to easily satisfy current trade needs. Movement through most retail and distributive outlets was light, but hoped to improve as the week progressed. The market tone remained barely steady to weak in instances. In the parts market, product was generally in balance for the limited and cautious buyer interest.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair to moderate for fill-in needs. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, and desirable overall. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in generally good balance. Buyer interest had increased for the fully adequate supply of leg items, particularly leg quarters. Machine cut wings were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	54-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.88
NO. OF BOXES	8,472

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mixed as dealers were uncertain as to needs and were cautious buyers. Offerings were generally sufficient for current limited trade needs. Movement through most retail and distributive outlets was irregular with scattered promotional activity hoped to stimulate some additional consumer interest. The market tone was about steady with underlying trade sentiment remaining cautious. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195-200	198.87	461,070
TENDERLOINS	150-155	155.20	66,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	98.85	241,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.04	134,120
LEGS	30-31	33.15	167,242
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.60	346,240
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.01	95,470
THIGHS	20-21	30.85	68,200
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.74	31,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	58.00	163,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.71	24,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.09	13,056
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.02	29,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	751	155.00-200.00	183-195	182.50
TENDERLOINS	131	160.00-192.00	160	163.17
BREAST - WITH RIBS	378	89.00-93.00	92	91.81
FRONT HALVES	840	75.00-87.00	79-82	80.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	373	18.00-20.00	20	19.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,823	20.00-21.25	21	21.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	87	44.00-66.00	44-46	45.35
DRUMSTICKS	137	31.00-44.00	31	32.57
THIGHS	84	22.00-39.00	22	22.24

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/30	08/26	08/26	08/23	08/19
ALA	3,939	3,843	5.05	3,087	4.97
ARK	5,223	5,068	4.66	5,027	4.60
DELMARVA	2,487	2,481	4.99	2,453	4.87
KY-LA-TN	1,801	1,718	4.28	1,760	4.31
MISS	2,775	2,702	4.81	2,688	4.70
NC	2,571	2,542	5.42	2,562	5.42
TEXAS	2,055	2,016	4.47	1,854	4.46
TOTAL	20,851	20,370	4.84	19,431	4.80
MON	20,851(A)			19,431(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Aug 1999 is estimated to be 31,195,000 up 6.99 percent from a week ago and up 7.35 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,158,000, last year 29,059,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	754	187.00-238.00	190-195	214.92
TENDERLOINS	169	150.00-200.00	155-160	179.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	70	86.00-86.50	-	86.25
LEGS	88	31.00-37.00	31-33	31.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	316	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,358	20.00-23.00	21-22	22.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	414	56.00-70.00	59-61	61.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 30, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	52.00 - 53.75	52.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08/30-09/03/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	190-210	190-195
BREAST - LINE RUN	87-102	94-95
LEGS	32-40	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-25	21-22
DRUMSTICKS	28-50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-51	46-48
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-40	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-46	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

CENTS PER POUND.	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	78-92
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
August 27, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	16.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.22		17.70	

1,292,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	16.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	16.00		17.00

720,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-15.00	14.00	12.00-14.75	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.85	14.00	13.70	13.38

2,262,000 pounds, this includes 600,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	13.25	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.25		13.50	

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate availability of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduled production at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	14.5-17	15.08

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
August 27, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	22.00	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		22.00		

40,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.50-19.00	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.17	14.75	

201,600 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	17.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.11	17.00	11.61	13.94

1,925,200 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading trended sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-16.5	10-16	12.72
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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